

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING COUNCILWOMAN
CHARLYE HEGGINS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend Councilwoman Charlye Heggins. After a long battle with cancer, Mrs. Heggins passed away last week at the age of 80. She served in the Denton City Council for six years, representing District 1.

As a child, Mrs. Heggins played piano for church services, learning to play in any key and accompanying people after they sang just a few bars. She volunteered to play in other churches and also filled in sometimes for funeral services. Mrs. Heggins graduated in 1952 from Phillips Business College in Dallas, and the next year attended Prairie View A&M College. In 1972, after marrying the late Rev. Edell Heggins, who became the pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Mrs. Heggins moved to Denton. She served alongside her husband singing and playing piano for many years in Denton and Oklahoma churches.

As a member of city council, from 2005 to 2011, Mrs. Heggins served on many committees including the Audit Committee, Ethics Committee, Property Maintenance Code Committee, and Council Appointee Performance Review Committee. Additionally, she served on the Community Justice Council and the Denton Convention and Visitors Bureau. Although Mrs. Heggins usually voted with the rest of the council, she was not afraid to stand up for issues that were important to her. She cast the only vote against a plan to build a city water tank in a wooded area south of Denia Park, as well as one against the controversial natural gas well site at Rayzor Ranch. Mrs. Heggins was a key voice in establishing Black History Month in Denton and Kwanzaa celebrations. She served as Denton County chapter's secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as well as the chairwoman of the Juneteenth Committee Gospel Extravaganza. Mrs. Heggins was on the Fred Moore High School advisory board and on the Greater Denton Arts Council. She supported Keep Denton Beautiful and was a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens, the BIONIC ministry of Morse Street Baptist Church, and the Sickle Cell Advisory group.

Mrs. Heggins was actively involved in service to the Denton community, volunteering for the Rocking Reader program at The Gonzalez School for Young Children. She participated in pageants in Denton as well, winning Ms. Mature Denton, Ms. Texas Senior, and Ms. Congeniality.

In her last term, Mrs. Heggins helped name various Denton landmarks, such as the Southeast Denton park being named for another former District 1 council member, the late Carl Gene Young Sr., and the Civic Center Park being renamed Quakertown, the black com-

munity forced to leave the land to create the park. She also advocated tirelessly for the naming of the new Loop 288 pedestrian bridge for Martin Luther King Jr., which will be formally dedicated on June 14, beginning the city's Juneteenth annual celebration.

A breast cancer survivor, Mrs. Heggins was diagnosed in 2009 with renal cell carcinoma, a type of kidney cancer. She formed a cancer patient support group that still meets at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center on the first Thursday of each month.

I am proud to honor the life of Councilwoman Charlye Heggins for her years of service to the Denton community and her friendship. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Mrs. Heggins' family and friends.

CONGRATULATING O'FALLON
CASTING

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize O'Fallon Casting in O'Fallon, Missouri for receiving the 2013 Casting of the Year award from the American Foundry Society. This award recognizes the incredible detail capabilities of O'Fallon Casting.

The metal foundry won with its electronics housing specifically produced for the defense industry. It was able to create a product that allowed customers to avoid hours spent on fabrication and assembly by combining multiple parts into a single unyielding piece. These metal casters worked alongside local engineers to pack their product with functional features and elements while at the same time trying to keep the weight low. The piece while rigid was lighter and more precise than all comparable fabrications, weighing only 2.2 pounds.

With this honor, O'Fallon Casting's work has been recognized amongst many, excellent metal casting companies throughout the nation. In fact, my home district in Missouri includes a number of excellent casting companies.

O'Fallon Casting is an outstanding example of creativity and ingenuity. The determination of the foundry's hardworking labor force and their ability to collaborate with local engineers is a fine example of how a community's selfless collaboration can result in an award winning final product. This foundry's creation is a step in the right direction for a brighter future in the metal casting industry.

In closing, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring O'Fallon Casting for earning the "Casting of the Year" award and working to promote small business success in Missouri.

LETTER WRITTEN BY TOM
HARDEMAN

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a letter I received from a concerned constituent. Mr. Tom Hardeman owns and operates a McDonald's restaurant in my district, and in his letter he writes:

"I used to think of Burger King, Wendy's and Sonic as my competition and the greatest risk to my business. But now I believe it is the federal government.

"It is regulation, taxation, mandated programs and interference from government that has the potential to destroy small businesses like mine across this great land.

"I'm asking you to protect small businesses like mine so that I can protect the jobs of the people I employ," he wrote.

Sadly, Mr. Hardeman's concerns are shared by small business owners across the country. This is why House Republicans continue to push policies that make life easier for hard-working taxpayers—without expanding government.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
EVANGELIST DELLA
MAE KING SUTTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to the life and legacy of Evangelist Della Mae King Sutton of Nesbit, Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, Evangelist Sutton was a mighty woman of God. She devoted countless hours to empower those around her in formal and Christian education. Born July 20, 1941 in Desoto County, MS, Ms. Della was the first daughter to the late Turner King, Sr. and the late Remell Bridgeforth King.

Ms. Sutton began her education at Shiloh M.B. Church in Desoto County, MS where her father was the instructor. She continued her education as an honor student at Hernando High School, which taught students up until eighth grade, and completed her studies as class Valedictorian. Upon leaving Hernando High, Ms. Della finished her secondary education at the age of sixteen at Eastern High School in Olive Branch, MS, where she was Salutatorian of her graduating class before enrolling in Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, MS. It was there where she would meet her companion in life, her husband, Mr. Jesse Sutton, Jr. After completing studies at Mississippi Industrial College, Ms. Sutton earned her Master's of Science degree from Jackson Statue University.

Ms. Della Mae sincerely believed in children and the value of educating them. Ms. Sutton

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served as a devoted educator for more than thirty years throughout Mississippi. These schools included East Side High School in Olive Branch, Mississippi; Oakley Training School in Learned, Mississippi; Mendenhall Junior High School in Mendenhall, Mississippi; and Northside Elementary School in Pearl, Mississippi, from which she retired.

Throughout the years, Ms. Sutton has been recognized on several occasions, most notably was when she was recognized by former Governor and First Lady Ronnie Musgrove as one of the Most Outstanding Women for the Reach One-Each One Mother of the Year contest. She served as Chairperson of the Elementary Language Arts and was recognized for a host of other achievements. Ms. Sutton was the recipient of a number of awards, among them is the Who's Who Among Teachers, Teacher of the Year and most recently the Jackson District Association's Living Legacy Award.

Ms. Sutton was a socially engaged woman. She was a member of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, member of "Keep Jackson Beautiful", instructor of the Jackson District Ministers' Wives/Widows group, and an avid supporter of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. She was an active member of the General Missionary Baptist Convention and a devoted member of the New McRaven Hill M.B. Church, where she served as a Sunday School teacher, member of the Mother's Ministry, devotional leader of the Mission Society and Vacation Bible School teacher.

This spiritual steward for Christ lived a life of both passion and purpose. She was an advocate of education, a champion of civility and a true lover of the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of a true champion, Evangelist Della Mae King Sutton.

RECOGNIZING ISABEL E. VILLAR

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Isabel E. Villar for her dedication to her community, most notably to the Hispanic Community in Westchester County, New York.

A Cuban native and immigrant, Ms. Villar experienced first-hand the problems presented by language barriers and cultural differences for newcomers to this country. In response, she has dedicated herself to improving the lives of Hispanic immigrants throughout Westchester.

As an advocate for education, Ms. Villar founded the Brien McMahon Hispanic Alumni Association. The Association provides role models and mentors to Hispanic students at Brien McMahon High School and scholarships to graduating seniors.

Ms. Villar founded El Centro Hispano in White Plains, New York, which is a comprehensive resource for Hispanic residents in Westchester. It offers numerous community programs, including parenting classes, tutorial programs at local schools, and housing and employment information.

Since its founding in 1974, El Centro Hispano has continued to expand, now including the Mi Hermana Mayor Mentoring Program. This program offers college scholarships for Hispanic high school graduates, a social service internship program, and housing and employment information services. It also has a Technology Center, which offers computer classes for children, adults, and seniors.

Ms. Villar has been honored with numerous awards for her commitment to the Hispanic community and education in Westchester and beyond. One of the first inductees into the White Plains Hall of Fame, she was also inducted into the Westchester Senior Citizens Hall of Fame and was featured in Who is Who in America. She received the Westchester Community Foundation Leadership Award and will be honored with the dedication of Isabel Elsa Villar Boulevard in White Plains, New York, on June 16 of this year.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my friend Isabel E. Villar for her remarkable service and lifelong commitment to enriching the lives of others. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring her tremendous accomplishments.

MARVIN NACHLIS

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, Marvin Nachlis, beloved husband, father, brother and friend, passed away peacefully in his home from Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), surrounded by family and friends; and

Whereas, Marvin Nachlis was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA to Dorothy and Arnold Nachlis; and

Whereas, Marvin Nachlis graduated from Wyoming Valley West High School, served in the United States Navy, and earned a combination Bachelor's degree and Law Degree from Western State University; and

Whereas, Marvin Nachlis, after 25 years of practicing law, challenged himself to start a new career as a teacher; and

Whereas, Marvin Nachlis taught math and coached girls' basketball for 12 years at David Starr Jordan High School in Long Beach, with patience and encouragement, always taking an interest in the students' well being and potential; and

Whereas, Marvin Nachlis was devoted to his wife of 35 years, Gayle, and took great pride in their two children, Alex and Sara; and

Whereas, Marvin Nachlis was an avid golfer, devotee of all sports, adventurous and curious, always seeking knowledge; and

Whereas, Marvin Nachlis loved sharing his life with friends and family members and was well known for his ever present smile; and

Therefore, be it remembered that Marvin Nachlis touched the lives of many people and will be greatly missed.

COMMEMORATING THE 41ST ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, later this month, on June 23, 1972, we will mark the 41st anniversary of the enactment of Title IX amendment. This landmark legislation changed America for the better by mandating equality for women in educational programs and activities. As we continue to move forward in terms of women's equality, I believe that it is important to recognize how far we have already come.

Title IX has resulted in significant advances for women in athletics. Since its enactment, Title IX has promoted equal opportunity for women in athletics and contributed to the athletic and educational achievement of hundreds of thousands of young American women. In 1972, before there was a Title IX, less than 300,000 high school girls participated in intramural sports nationwide. Today, that number has grown ten-fold to more than three million. In similar fashion, the amount of young women participating in college sports has increased by more than 600 percent, from fewer than 30,000 in 1972 to more than 190,000 in 2012.

While recognizing the advances in sports that Title IX has provided, it is important also to acknowledge the progress made outside of athletics. Title IX itself makes no explicit mention of sports or athletics; its reach extends to all areas of education. Title IX has helped make it possible for women to pursue careers in all fields, including the increasingly important fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Title IX has also helped to ensure that as women and girls take advantage of these educational opportunities, they are able to do so in an environment free of gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and violence.

In my state of Texas, for example, young women are making their mark in academics, in athletics, and in standing up for what is right. Just last year, a young high school female in Texas was assaulted at school by a classmate. The school's response to the incident was to send the young woman, and her attacker, to an alternative school for 45 days—where she had to suffer the indignity of seeing him daily. The young woman, assisted by the ACLU of Texas, filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Title IX granted this young woman the right to an educational experience free from gender discrimination or retaliation. As a result, the OCR determined that the school had violated her rights when they failed to adequately address her complaint. This decision resulted in clearing the young woman's disciplinary record and required the school district to reevaluate the way it handles sexual assault. A new set of Title IX procedures was developed and staff members were trained to respond accordingly to future incidents.

Through Title IX's legacy, educational environments have changed substantially. Women of all ages have had the opportunity to take advantage of the rights allotted to them through the amendment, and we can only

move forward from here in terms of gender equality. Title IX guarantees the civil right to learn free from discrimination, retaliation, and sexual violence. This victory is something that every student, parent, and educator can celebrate today, tomorrow, and for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING ALIANA
SONKSEN

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aliana Nicole Sonksen, a rising senior at Camdenton High School in Camdenton, Missouri, who won third place in the National Institute of Health's Addiction Science Competition. This prestigious award was given at the 2013 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair is the world's largest international science competition for high school students, and this year it provided a forum for approximately 1,500 students from 70 countries, regions, and territories to showcase their independent research. Since 2008, the National Institute on Drug Abuse has selected three projects to receive awards for exemplary work in addiction science, and I am extremely proud that a winning project came from the hard work and dedication of one of my constituents.

Ms. Sonksen's project, "Determining the Behavioral and Physiological Effects of Pentedrone-Based Bath Salts on *Drosophila Melanogaster*," studied the effects of two versions of the drugs called "bath salts" on the common fruit fly. She looked at three possible effects: mortality, feeding patterns, and activity levels. Many of the flies died from exposure to bath salts, and many others decreased their feeding activity. Her research showed that the substances, while commonly considered stimulants, acted more like hallucinogens, with the flies appearing to be in a daze.

I am proud that Ms. Sonksen not only took the time and energy to submit an award winning project but also focused her efforts on such an important issue. Bath salts are emerging synthetic stimulants that often contain amphetamine-like chemicals. Addiction and abuse of these drugs has dramatically increased over the past few years and has resulted in a number of hospitalizations and even deaths. I appreciate the awareness Ms. Sonksen has raised to the issues surrounding bath salts through her research and submission of her project.

In closing, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Aliana Sonksen's Addiction Science Award and her hopeful future of contributing to addiction science for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THIRD DISTRICT CON-
GRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY
COUNCIL

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 51 of the best and brightest students in North Texas who have participated in the Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC), a program I started nearly 9 years ago. CYAC has two primary goals. One, to hear the voices of our future generation and gain insight on issues our youth values, and two, to educate our students on how government policies directly impact their lives and our nation.

Each year, the students in CYAC exceed my expectations ten-fold. They bring innovative, inspiring, and impacting ideas on how to build a better America now and in the future. Their impressive credentials speak for themselves. Participating in student government, community service, honor societies, school athletics, fine arts, and language clubs exemplifies their educational excellence and steadfast commitment to our community as they discover their individual potential. Each time we meet, I am privileged to hear from these dedicated leaders who embody the best of their generation. They are the future of our country and will continue to define what it means to be an American.

Over the past year, each student heard from prominent civic leaders, engaged in discussion about current events and the role of government, and developed their own community service project. I am proud to see our Third District students dedicate their time and talents to serving the people around them. Without a doubt, every student will continue to play an important role in our community for decades to come. America and North Texas will continue to benefit from their dedication, smarts, and service.

To the members of the 2012–2013 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for volunteering your time and efforts to this council. You have been the voices of your generation to Congress this past year, and have done an extraordinary job. I wish you continued success in your upcoming endeavors and know I am very proud of you.

The names of students serving on the 2012–2013 CYAC follow:

Arthur Anderson, Natasha Blaskovich, Rhian Burnham, Bryce Clark, Andrew Cook, Mark Douglas, Megan Eakin, Noah Eldridge, William Elliot, Rakshana Govindarajan, Shivan Gupta, Grace Han, Lauren Hebig, Hogan Heritage, Sara Nabila Hossain, Aileen Huang, Samuel Huang, Mackenzie Jenkins, Lane Johnson, James Kay, Sarah Killian, Shane Kok, Justin Kong, Jonathon Lara, Candice Lee, Jessica Lightfoot, Connor Madden, Malika Maheshwary, Soumya Mandava, Jessica Martinez, Emily Means, Sarah Michaels, Sydney Patterson, McKay Paxman, Jacob Przada, Jason Randoing, Daniel Rosenfield, Kinnari Ruikar, Daniel Saiyid, Sam Schell, Brian Simpson, Travis Smith, Ryan Snitzer, Sarah Stanley, Hunter Stevens, Simic Tuan, Jessica Todd, Matt Waller, Hannah Wood, Carlie Woodard, Lisa Michales

God Bless You and I salute you!

CONTINUING REPRESSION BY THE
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by recognizing the many distinguished leaders who are joining us in conjunction with the Vietnamese-American Meetup. Many thanks to all of you for taking the time to come to Washington to meet with your representatives here in Congress, and for joining us for the hearing my subcommittee held which looked at some of the many human rights abuses being committed by the Vietnamese Government.

The hearing was the second held by my subcommittee this year on human rights in Vietnam. We had a greater, in-depth, examination of some of the fundamental human rights violations that we discussed at our first hearing in April, particularly land confiscations in the context of religious and ethnic persecution.

Although the relationship between the United States and Vietnam improved substantially in 1995 when relations were normalized, the human rights situation in Vietnam did not improve. As the U.S. has upgraded Vietnam's trade status, the Vietnamese Government has continued to violate a wide range of fundamental human rights.

To cite just one example, despite the State Department's decision in 2006 to remove Vietnam from the list of Countries of Particular Concern as designated pursuant to the International Religious Freedom Act, Vietnam continues to be among the worst violators of religious freedom in the world. According to the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom's 2012 Annual Report, "[t]he government of Vietnam continues to control all religious communities, restrict and penalize independent religious practice severely, and repress individuals and groups viewed as challenging its authority." USCIRF concludes that Vietnam should be designated a CPC country.

It appears the State Department decided to allow political considerations to trump the facts and the brutality of Vietnam's record of religious persecution. In the Department's latest International Religious Freedom Report that was released on May 20th, Vietnam once again was a glaring omission in the list of Countries of Particular Concern. Compared to the disturbing clarity of the USCIRF report, the State Department's description of the state of religious freedom in Vietnam is a whitewash, and an extreme disservice to the truth about the religious persecution that is prevalent in that country. I repeat my past appeals to the Administration to follow the letter as well as the spirit of the International Religious Freedom Act, and hold Vietnam to account as a Country of Particular Concern.

I met courageous religious leaders during my last trip to Vietnam who were struggling for fundamental human rights in their country. Unfortunately, many of them, including Father Ly and the Most Venerable Thich Quang Do, remain wrongly detained today. There are disturbing reports that Father Ly is suffering poor health. Leaders of religious organizations are not the only ones victimized by the Vietnamese government on account of their faith;

individuals and small communities are also targeted by the regime.

Witnesses and experts at our past hearings have recounted the brutality suffered in 2010 by Con Dau parishioners at the hands of police in the course of a funeral procession. This persecution continues to this day in response to the villagers' opposition to the illegal and unjust confiscation of their land.

Tuesday's hearing closely examined ethnic and religious persecution in Vietnam, particularly through the government's practice of confiscating land. The government has unlawfully taken property belonging to families that include many Vietnamese-Americans. Not only is land forcibly taken, but any compensation provided by the government is far below the fair market value. If the rightful owners do not accept what is offered or show resistance, security forces are dispatched to overwhelm any opposition and brutally suppress them. This arbitrary taking of real property not only violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but even Vietnam's own domestic laws.

To address this and the numerous other violations of human rights by the Vietnamese regime, I have re-introduced the Vietnam Human Rights Act, H.R. 1897. This legislation, co-sponsored by the Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman, Mr. ROYCE, and members of the bipartisan Congressional Vietnam Caucus, has been reported out of this subcommittee and is awaiting consideration, hopefully soon, by the Foreign Affairs Committee.

This legislation seeks to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam by stipulating that the United States can increase its nonhumanitarian assistance to Vietnam above FY2012 levels only when the President certifies that the Government of Vietnam has made substantial progress in establishing democracy and promoting human rights, including: respecting freedom of religion and releasing all religious prisoners; respecting rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association, and releasing all political prisoners, independent journalists, and labor activists; repealing and revising laws that criminalize peaceful dissent, independent media, unsanctioned religious activity, and nonviolent demonstrations, in accordance with international human rights standards; respecting the human rights of members of all ethnic groups; and taking all appropriate steps, including prosecution of government officials, to end any government complicity in human trafficking.

It also calls on the Administration to re-designate Vietnam as a country of particular concern for religious freedom, to take measures to overcome the Vietnamese Government's jamming of Radio Free Asia, and to oppose Vietnam's membership on the U.N. Human Rights Council, which will be voted on this fall.

We were fortunate to have heard from a distinguished panel of witnesses to discuss these critical issues.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 2216, the FY14 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill. I commend Chairmen ROGERS and CULBERSON and Ranking Members LOWEY and BISHOP for crafting a bipartisan bill that addresses the needs of current and former service members and their families.

This MilCon-VA bill provides critical funding for the DoD to build hospitals, clinics, schools, family housing and other facilities in order to deliver timely and vital medical care to our nation's veterans, active military members and their families. In addition, it provides funding for disability care, educational benefits and other resources to help advance U.S. missions abroad.

I specifically applaud the committee for addressing the inexcusable backlog problem that continues to plague our Veteran's Affairs Regional Offices, including the VA's Baltimore Regional Office. This bill provides \$155 million for the paperless claims process system, \$136 million for the digital scanning of health records, and \$252 million to establish a single, integrated Department of Defense (DOD) and VA electronic health record system. I am hopeful that these measures will be an important step in ensuring that backlogged claims are expedited as quickly as possible.

In addition, this bill fully funds the FY2014 budget request for Family Housing construction at \$1.542 billion, providing these necessary resources for service members, veterans, and their families. I am also pleased that this bill provides for much needed improvements at the Arlington National Cemetery.

While I support the military construction/veterans spending bill, I strongly oppose the procedure Congressional Republicans used to bring it to the House floor. The Rule governing this bill affects not just the MilCon-VA budget, but other parts of our budget. I find it especially cynical that our Republican colleagues would use the spending bills on veterans and military construction as the vehicle to pass their overall budget levels, which will result in dramatic cuts to the parts of the budget that fund our kids' education and that finance investments in scientific research to find cures and treatments to cancer and other diseases. The House Appropriations Committee has already set the funding levels for those categories of the budget. And you know what they are? A \$30 billion cut below the sequester level to the parts of the budget that fund our kids' education and that fund scientific research.

We're supposed to have a budget process. The House passed a budget. I don't like the House Republican budget, but it passed. The Senate passed a budget. Under the rules of the Congress—in fact, as a matter of law—the House and the Senate are supposed to have completed a budget conference by April 15th.

That was quite a while ago. In fact, it's been over 70 days since the Senate passed a budget and the House passed a budget. We still don't have a House-Senate conference committee report. Why might that be? Well, it turns out that the Speaker of the House has refused to appoint conferees to work with the Senate to come up with a budget.

The Rule for the military construction/veterans spending bill says "let's pretend." Let's make believe that the House and Senate went to conference, and let's pretend that they agreed on the House budget numbers—the numbers that would cut the part of the budget that deals with our kids' education—by over 20 percent. Let's pretend that, because we don't want to go through the normal process. That's what this Rule does. It's a total fake, and it's a fake because of the refusal to work these issues out in a transparent manner for the American people.

Let's at least start the process of complying with the law. Speaker BOEHNER and House Republicans should follow regular House procedure and immediately request a conference and appoint conferees to negotiate a Fiscal Year 2014 budget resolution—so we can have a real federal budget, not a fake budget.

For these reasons, I support President Obama's threat to veto final passage of this legislation unless it "passes the Congress in the context of an overall budget framework that supports our recovery and enables sufficient investments in education, infrastructure, innovation and national security for our economy to compete in the future."

It is also troubling that this bill rejects the President's proposed 1.0 percent pay raise for federal workers. These individuals have already contributed more than their fair share to reducing the deficit, sacrificing more than \$100 billion in pay and benefits. It is unreasonable to ask federal employees, who have already disproportionately sacrificed for deficit reduction, to bear the burden again.

This year's MilCon-VA bill continues to ensure our veterans and active servicemen and women have the resources they need to succeed when they come home. However, Congress must also come together to follow regular order and appoint budget conferees so we can pass a final budget and have a normal appropriations process. It's time to replace the sequester, invest in our economy, and reduce our long-term deficit.

HONORING SHAWANDA ALLEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Shawanda LaShell Allen. Shawanda LaShell Allen was born in Hazlehurst, Mississippi to proud parents Glenda Johnson and Anthony Allen.

Shawanda has always remained dedicated to her academics and extra-curricular activities. She received the highest academic average for the 2011–2012 school year in advanced placement English Literature and Composition, Calculus, United States Government, and Accounting. In addition, Shawanda was inducted into the Crystal Springs High School Hall of Fame, received the Student

Council Leadership Award, and the U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award. Mr. Allen was also awarded scholarships from Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP, the United States Achievement Academy, Workforce Investment Area Transition, and University of Southern Mississippi Leadership Scholarships.

Shawanda participated in the Student Council, Beta Club, SADD Club, Mu Alpha Theta Club, Theater Club—Tigers Actin' Up, and played on the soccer, softball, and track/field teams. She is a faithful member of Clear Creek Missionary Baptist Church where she is a part of the Feeding Ministry and Nursing Home Ministry.

In 2012, Shawanda graduated from Crystal Springs High School with honors. In the fall, she plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi where she will pursue a degree in Accounting. Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Shawanda LaShell Allen for her hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTION FROM ROGUE OIL TRADERS ENGAGING IN COMPUTERIZED TRADING, OR PROTECT, ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Protection from Rogue Oil Traders Engaging in Computerized Trading, or PROTECT, Act. I am introducing this bill because we need some common-sense rules and regulations on this growing element of trading. High speed traders are pursuing increasingly creative and potentially risky strategies, and if we've learned anything from the last decade, it's that Wall Street shouldn't be left to experiment without some regulatory supervision.

High speed trading, better known as high frequency trading, is trading driven by computer algorithms that place buy and sell orders automatically. Once set in place, these algorithms run until they are taken offline, and they can be programmed to trigger trades by just about any event: by a commodity's price ticking up several trades in a row, by small differences in the price of a commodity between different exchanges, even by the appearance of certain key words in social media. These algorithms operate at terrifically fast speeds—they can trigger trades in milliseconds or even microseconds. As Futures Magazine reported back in 2011, "the main activity of HFT is speed. While some such algorithms exist, the majority of high-frequency traders are making a bet like everyone else and attempting to gain an edge through speed."

High frequency trading is becoming the dominant form of trading in our commodity futures markets. Prior to 2006, the New York Mercantile Exchange did not even allow electronic trading to occur while the markets were open. Yet, high frequency trading has exploded over the last seven years. According to one estimate by Sandler O'Neill and Partners L.P., high frequency trading was responsible

for 47 percent of trade volume in futures markets in 2008 and now generates 61 percent of futures market volume. That's a torrid increase in only a few years, and it occurred despite commodity prices crashing during the 2008 financial crisis.

High frequency trading is changing the composition of our markets, and it's imperative that regulators have the ability to keep up with that change. Twenty-three years ago, I authored and helped enact the Market Reform Act of 1990, which gave the Securities and Exchange Committee the power to regulate practices that caused excessive volatility in our equities markets. As I informed former SEC Chairman Elisse B. Walter in January via letter, I believe the Market Reform Act empowers the SEC to take steps to regulate high frequency trading in equities. In response to my letter, the SEC confirmed that the Market Reform Act provides a "valuable source of authority" regarding excessive volatility and that the Commission is contemplating using it and other authorities to regulate high frequency trading in the equities markets.

Unfortunately, the rising role of high frequency trading in futures has not been fully appreciated until recently, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission does not currently have explicit authorization to regulate high frequency trading in futures. As a result, the only protection we have at present is Wall Street's willingness to self-regulate. And as we all viscerally experienced during the last six years of a financial crisis and devastating recession prompted by risky Wall Street investments, when Wall Street's experiments blow up, Main Street catches on fire.

The PROTECT Act will ensure that CFTC has the power to step in when necessary to protect Main Street companies and consumers from trading explosions caused by high frequency trading. This bill requires all futures traders making use of high frequency trading to register with the CFTC. It mandates that futures traders using high frequency trading technology establish reasonable safeguards on their systems. It prohibits simultaneous purchase and sell orders for the same commodity contract in significant quantities using high frequency trade technology. These so-called "wash trades" can be used to manipulate markets and generate an artificial appearance high levels of trading activity are occurring. It empowers the CFTC to establish rules and regulations on high frequency trading to address fraud, manipulation, or disruptive practices or that are otherwise "in the public interest." And it raises penalties for market manipulation from \$140,000 for companies to \$10,000,000 or triple the total amount of proximate losses. Given that our futures markets involve trillions of dollars in trades, it's critical that the scale of the penalties match the size of the market.

High frequency traders are racing to develop ever more sophisticated technology because a technological advantage in this field can be worth millions of dollars. Yet, the commodity markets do not exist just for a few firms dabbling in high frequency trading—they are important tools for hedging and price discovery, and we should not allow the market's proverbial tail to wag the dog. Moreover, the actions of a few Wall Street HFT firms do not just affect Wall Street. High frequency traders

can exact a hidden tax on other market participants by inserting themselves between buyers and sellers, and portions of that tax are then passed along to consumers. And when our markets crash, retirement accounts can be depleted, businesses can go bankrupt, and people can lose their jobs.

As the CFTC says on its website, "The CFTC's mission is to protect market users and the public from fraud, manipulation, abusive practices and systemic risk related to derivatives that are subject to the Commodity Exchange Act, and to foster open, competitive, and financially sound markets." It is critical that the CFTC have the power to regulate high frequency trading so that rogue traders do not get in over their heads and damage the rest of the economy. The PROTECT Act will ensure that some common-sense rules can be set over high frequency trading in our futures markets, and I urge all of my colleagues to co-sponsor this critical legislation.

IN TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOHN JONES

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Police Captain John Jones for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company.

As a charter member of the Fire Company since 1963, Captain Jones has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to keeping his community safe and secure. This commitment has led to tremendous growth of John's role and leadership within the company. Captain Jones was the organization's first Emergency Medical Technician during his early days, and moved up the ranks to become Fire Police Captain, a role in which he has served for 30 years.

In addition to countless hours spent training his fellow volunteers so that future generations will maintain the legacy of the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company, Captain Jones has been recognized as an elite member of his community's volunteer protection service. Awards include several merit awards, Firefighter of the Year in 1986, Fire Police Officer of the Year in 2004, and the Stephen Smith Memorial Award in 2012. In recognition of his service, the Town of Colchester has designated June 15, 2013, as Captain John Jones Appreciation Day.

With roots dating back to 1854, the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company has provided fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to residents of the Colchester area of eastern Connecticut.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain John Jones for his selfless service to his community and to hold him up as an example of our core community values for all Americans. We thank him for his decades of hard work and dedication to the Colchester community.

PRESIDENT OBAMA: SERIOUSLY
PUSH HUMAN RIGHTS ON FRI-
DAY WITH XI JINPING

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, this week, the world remembers the dream that was and is the "Tiananmen Square Protests of 1989" and deeply honors the sacrifice endured by an extraordinarily brave group of pro-democracy Chinese women and men who dared to demand fundamental human rights for all Chinese.

Twenty-four years ago this week, the world watched in awe and wonder as it had since mid-April of '89 as hundreds of thousands of mostly young people peacefully petitioned the Chinese government to reform and democratize. China seemed to be the next impending triumph for freedom and democracy, especially after the collapse of the dictatorships in the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact. But when the People's Liberation Army poured into and around the Square on June 3rd, the wonder of Tiananmen turned to shock, tears, fear and helplessness.

On June 3rd and 4th and for days, weeks and years after, right up until today, the Chinese dictatorship delivered a barbaric response—mass murder, torture, incarceration, cover-up and the systematic suppression of fundamental human rights.

The Chinese government not only continues to inflict unspeakable pain and suffering on its own people, but the cover-up of the Tiananmen massacre is without precedent in modern history. Even though journalists and live television and radio documented the massacre, the Chinese Communist Party line continues to deny, obfuscate and threaten.

In December of 1996 General Chi Haotian, the operational commander who ordered the murder of the Tiananmen protestors, visited Washington, DC as the Chinese Defense Minister. Minister Chi was welcomed by President Clinton at the White House with full honors including a 19-gun salute—a bizarre spectacle I and others strongly protested. Why do I bring this up? Minister Chi addressed the Army War College on that trip and in answer to a question said "not a single person lost his life in Tiananmen Square" and claimed that the People's Liberation Army did nothing more violent than the "pushing of people" during 1989 protests. Not a single person lost his life? Are you kidding? That big lie and countless others like it was—and is—the Chinese Communist Party's line.

As chair of Foreign Affairs' human rights subcommittee, I put together a congressional hearing within a couple of days—December 18th, 1996—with witnesses who were there on the Square in 1989 including Yang Jianli—a leader and survivor of the massacre—and Time magazine bureau chief David Aikman, two of the witnesses who testified at a hearing I held earlier this week. I also invited Minister Chi or anyone the Chinese Embassy might want to send to the hearing. He—they—refused.

I guess Minister Chi thought he was back in Beijing where the big lie is king and no one ever dares to do a fact check.

A few days ago, the U.S. State Department asked the Chinese government to "end har-

assment of those who participated in the protests and fully account for those killed, detained or missing." The response? The Chinese Foreign Ministry acrimoniously said that the U.S. should "stop interfering in China's internal affairs so as not to sabotage China-U.S. relations."

"Sabotage" Sino-American relations because our side requests an end to harassment and an accounting? Sounds like they have much to hide.

President Obama is scheduled to meet with China's President Xi Jinping on Friday to discuss security and economic issues. A robust discussion of human rights abuses in China must be on the agenda and not in a superfluous or superficial way. It's time to get serious about China's flagrant abuse.

Can a government that crushes the rights and freedoms of its own people be trusted on trade and security?

China today is the torture capital of the world and victims include religious believers, ethnic minorities, human rights defenders like Chen Guangcheng and Gao Zhisheng and political dissidents.

Hundreds of millions of women have been forced to abort their precious babies pursuant to the draconian one-child policy which has led to gendercide, the violent extermination of unborn baby girls simply because they are girls. The slaughter of the girl-child in China is not only a massive gender crime but a "security" issue as well. A witness at one of my earlier hearings, Valerie Hudson, author of *Bare Branches*, testified that the gender imbalance will lead to instability and chaos—even war, "that the One-Child policy has not enhanced China's security, but demonstrably weakened it." As Nick Eberstadt famously phrased it, what are the consequences for a society that has chosen to become, simultaneously, both more gray and more male . . . The other face of the coin from the missing daughters of China, are the excess sons of China . . . the abnormal sex ratios of China do not bode well for its future."

I hope policymakers pay close attention to the witnesses who testified earlier this week because Tiananmen was a tipping point and the lessons learned and employed ever since by the Chinese government required much better understanding and due diligence and a more effective response from us.

One of our witnesses, Dr. Yang Jianli, testified that soon after Tiananmen the Communist Party embraced a ubiquitous code of corruption to enrich the elite at the expense of the general public, believing that "economic growth means everything" to the survival and sustainability of the dictatorship. "All this was made possible thanks to the Tiananmen massacre and the political terror that was imposed on the entire country in the years following. . . ."

Earlier this week, we heard from activists who were in Beijing in June of 1989, another democracy advocate who was serving an 18-year sentence in prison at that time and a former Time Magazine Beijing reporter who was an eyewitness to these events.

Dr. Yang Jianli is a former political prisoner and survivor of the massacre. His insights into the repercussions on China from Tiananmen, the ongoing corruption and the unfinished business are elucidating.

Chai Ling was one of the most effective—and most wanted—leaders of the protest

movement in Tiananmen Square. Her courage and fight for democracy and remarkable escape is the stuff of legend. As a strong woman of faith, her testimony is a message of remembering the lessons of the past but also giving hope for the future.

Wei Jingsheng has been advocating for democracy in China for decades and has paid a heavy price in serving over 18 years in prison for his activities in fighting for freedom of the Chinese people. His perceptive and frequent analyses of the Chinese Communist system and the changing views of the population offer a profound view today of the events surrounding Tiananmen.

And we are also grateful to have heard from Dr. Sophie Richardson of Human Rights Watch who for many years has been an expert and advocate of political reform and democratization and human rights in China.

Dr. David Aikman, former Beijing Bureau Chief for Time Magazine, was also present during the Tiananmen massacre and covered the student protests prior to the conflict. He has also studied extensively on the status of religious freedom in China and the situation of Christianity in China today and the historical influences on its development. And we appreciated his insights and testimony.

We will not forget what took place in Tiananmen Square 24 years ago. The struggle for freedom in China continues. Someday the people of China will enjoy all of their God-given rights. And a nation of free Chinese women and men will someday honor and applaud and thank the heroes of Tiananmen and all those who sacrificed so much for so long for freedom.

RETIREMENT OF ROBERT E. RIVERS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor Robert E. Rivers for his long-standing service in the Georgia House of Representatives. On August 1, he will celebrate his retirement from his role as Clerk after 21 years of dutiful service to lawmakers and citizens.

In this position, Rivers is the official custodian of all bills, resolutions, records, and documents filed in the general assembly. He and his staff were tasked with providing government transparency by keeping an accurate record of daily proceedings for Georgia's citizens, and serving as the Georgia Speaker's chief parliamentary procedure advisor.

During my tenure as a State Senator, I came to personally know Rivers as a true gentleman who treats his role with the utmost regard for his duty and respect for the history of the Capitol grounds. Throughout his career, he has served as a gracious host to the Capitol for thousands of Georgia citizens and will be a dearly missed personality in the general assembly.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of lawmakers everywhere, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Robert Rivers for devoting himself to the integrity and prestige of the Georgia House of Representatives. I wish him a happy—and well-deserved—retirement.

TRIBUTE TO WAVERLY DISTRICT
IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Sixth Congressional District community that celebrating its centennial anniversary. The Waverly District in Columbia, South Carolina, is an historic African American neighborhood that has built a very proud history over its 100 years in existence, and it is my honor to represent it in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Waverly District was named a National Register of Historic Places District in 1989, and is the only African American residential neighborhood to hold that distinction in Columbia. There is good reason it qualified for this designation. By the early twentieth century, Waverly was a thriving community of African American artisans, professionals and social reformers, many of whom made significant contributions to the social and political advancement of African Americans in South Carolina and in the nation.

Among the Waverly District historic properties and sites are: the Heidt-Russell House, home of Edwin Roberts Russell, one of the few African American scientists who worked on the Manhattan Project in during World War II; the Matthew J. Perry site, location of a former home of South Carolina's first African American Federal Judge and 1963 Edwards v. South Carolina lead attorney. The landmark breach of the peace case and its impact on civil rights was featured in May 2013 on C-SPAN's LCV Cities Tour; the Modjeska Simkins childhood home, former home of the "Matriarch of the South Carolina Civil Rights Movement" Modjeska Monteith Simkins, who hosted former Justice Thurgood Marshall during strategy meetings for *Briggs v. Elliot*, which became part of the historic Brown v. Board of Education desegregation case; and the Visanska Starks House, one of the few historic sites in America with residential histories of an antebellum white Southern woman, a Jewish immigrant from Poland, and an African American scholar who became president of three historically black colleges. The House and its carriage house were featured on a segment of HGTV's "If Walls Could Talk" and the site is a member of the International Sites of Conscience.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Waverly District and congratulate the Historic Waverly Improvement and Protection Association President, Doris Hildebrand, and Association Historian, Catherine Fleming Bruce, for their efforts to commemorate this great occasion. The current residents and members of the extended community have dedicated themselves to preserving the Waverly District and its history, and they deserve commendation for their extraordinary work. This is a model preservation effort that is dear to my heart and serves as an example of the significant impact such efforts can make for future generations.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the Grimm amendment to the FY 2014 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of this amendment which would prohibit the Transportation Security Administration from moving forward with a policy to allow knives to be carried on to airplanes.

While I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, I commend the TSA for their announcement today that they will no longer pursue a policy to allow knives in carry-on luggage on planes. TSA is putting public safety first with this decision. They are listening to the serious concerns raised by flight attendants, pilots, TSA screeners, air marshals, airlines, and the American public.

It is our job to ensure that government takes common-sense measures to increase the safety of our commercial air transportation system. While we can never ensure complete safety, prohibiting passengers from bringing knives onto planes is a reasonable post-9/11 measure that should be kept in place.

Safety should always be our number one priority when evaluating changes to airline policy. I commend TSA for their commitment to keeping our skies and the American public as safe as possible.

I urge my colleagues to support the Grimm amendment.

HONORING DE'UNA WILSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. De'Una Wilson, the 2012 Valedictorian at Canton High School, in Canton, Mississippi. De'Una is the daughter of Mr. Derreco, Sr. and Ms. Regenia Wilson. She was born and raised in Canton and attends Canton United Methodist Church.

De'Una's accomplishments can be attributed to her desire to fulfill her grandmother's dying wish, which was for her to graduate at the top of her class. To achieve this, De'Una dedicated herself to her academics and completed her senior year with an "A" average, earning her the merit of Class Valedictorian. In addition to her academics, De'Una has remained active in her community by volunteering at the Open Door Community Outreach Center at Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, and working a part-time job.

De'Una has been accepted into the Engineering Program at Jackson State University where all of her hard work was rewarded with a full scholarship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. De'Una Wilson in being Valedictorian of Canton High School's 2012 graduating class.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened when I learned of the passing of Senator Frank Lautenberg. I am certain that anyone who had ever met Senator Lautenberg would agree, regardless of political party affiliation, that he was a remarkable statesman and hard working government servant. The longest-serving senator in New Jersey's history, he was gifted in interpersonal relations, and recognized for reaching across the aisle to benefit the people of his state, and the citizens of our nation as a whole. And as the last veteran to serve in World War II in the U.S. Senate, he represented a generation of leaders who left a legacy of service that continues to inspire all Americans.

A proud son of hard-working immigrants, Senator Lautenberg rose from humble beginnings to attain success in business and public service. He was an incredibly efficient entrepreneur who turned a small business into one of the largest computing services companies in the world; a soldier who put his life on the line to protect our country; a Senator who helped ban smoking in airplanes and around children, who worked to ensure parents could take time off to care for sick family members, and the Senator who helped modernize the G.I. bill to ensure today's veterans could benefit from the same opportunities he did.

Additionally, throughout his years in the U.S. Senate, he worked tirelessly to secure investments in infrastructure for the Northeast Corridor, and it was in the area of transportation that I personally worked with Senator Lautenberg as a close partner. Senator Lautenberg's staunch efforts to augment Amtrak and commuter rail parallel my own. And as the Chair of the House Transportation Subcommittee on Railroads under a House Democratic Majority, we worked closely to increase funding for Amtrak and passenger rail both in the Northeast Corridor and throughout the entire United States.

Senator Lautenberg, who served on four Commerce, Science and Transportation subcommittees, including aviation operations and surface transportation, helped save Amtrak from budget hawks; supported tarmac delay protections for airline passengers; was instrumental in increasing transportation spending for mass transportation and other infrastructure improvements; succeeded in getting stricter limits on drinking and driving, and managed to get smoking banned from airplanes, among numerous other transportation-related accomplishments.

In fact, Senator Lautenberg wrote the 2008 law to increase Amtrak funding and create the nation's high-speed rail grant program. And in

2011, he got the Northeast Corridor designated as a federally-recognized high-speed rail corridor, which allowed Amtrak to receive \$450 million in federal funding for high-speed rail upgrades, and the Secaucus Junction train station in fact, is named after him.

He fought New Jersey Governor Chris Christie over the ARC tunnel, a rail improvement Lautenberg saw as essential for allowing the continued flow of commuters between New Jersey and New York under the Hudson River. The Gateway tunnel project, a substitute for ARC, is under development and just received a promise of \$185 million in federal funds. Lautenberg's dream of an intermodal freight policy is also on its way toward being realized, thanks to increased federal attention on creating a national freight strategic plan. Complete streets policies, which he consistently supported, are in place in nearly 500 communities around the country, and his zeal to create a National Infrastructure Bank as a way to invite more private investors to partner with the government on infrastructure is still struggling for wide acceptance.

I join in expressing my prayers and condolences to his wife, Bonnie, and to his children, his grandchildren, his entire family, and to the people of New Jersey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote number 203, amendment number H. AMDT. 121, I mistakenly voted "aye." I intended to vote "no." Later in the same vote series, I voted "no" on a similar amendment, H. AMDT. 129, rollcall vote number 206.

CONGRATULATING LOVETT BASEBALL ON AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Lovett High School baseball team. On May 27, the Lions bested the Westminster Wildcats in a best of three championship series to win the AA division state championship.

Although the Wildcats won the first game of the series, the Lions mounted a comeback to win the second game in overtime and carried their momentum into the deciding third game to clench the school's first title since 2009.

This season, Coach Lance Oubs, his staff, and these young men have worked tirelessly to earn their place in Georgia baseball history. The team's seniors will enter the next chapter of their lives knowing that they have upheld their school's legacy of excellence and have set a high bar for future Lions teams.

I encourage the entire team to savor their victory and remember the season's important life lessons of responsibility, persistence, and self-discipline. These traits will serve them well throughout their lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate the Lovett Lions on their well-deserved 2013 2A State Championship title and wish them luck as they defend their title next year. This team has brought great pride to their school, the city of Atlanta, and Georgia's 11th District. Go Lions.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN PRICE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karen Price, a dear friend and President of the West Virginia Manufacturer's Association; she is retiring this year after 22 years of service. I have known and worked with Karen in the West Virginia Legislature and in Congress, and I have watched her tireless efforts for the manufacturers' of West Virginia with great admiration.

Karen is a very accomplished woman who has diligently and successfully pursued her career in a very male dominated arena, namely economic development and manufacturing. Such success can be attributed to her hard working nature, as well as her tenacious character. She worked her way through college, the first child of her family to do so, and she has not looked back since.

Karen's start in economic development was as a member of the West Virginia Economic Development Office, serving as its Legislative Director. Karen was responsible for recruiting new businesses to the state, including Bruce Hardwood, now known as Armstrong Products in Beverly, WV. She also worked to ensure that these businesses were able to hire capable women and men. Karen has always been committed to recruitment through a trained workforce, and she continues to emphasize the importance of an educated, skilled workforce today.

Karen's talents have been recognized by many through the leadership positions that she has held including, Member, Board of Trustees' Charleston Area Medical Center and the David Lee Cancer Center; Charleston YWCA; and Bridgemont Community and Technical College. Karen has served as Past President of the following organizations: American Society of Association Executives; Charleston Vandalia Rotary Club; and West Virginia Business and Industry Council. Karen and I share the distinction of being recognized as a "Woman of Achievement," by the YWCA of Charleston. The list is exhaustive, with each role further lending proof to the fact that Karen has lived an exemplary life.

I am grateful for the work that Karen has performed representing West Virginia's manufacturer's, the backbone of West Virginia's economy. Throughout her career she has worked with numerous governors, the West Virginia Legislature and regulatory agencies to address barriers to economic development. Those accomplishments include reform of the West Virginia Workers Compensation Program, and addressing taxation and environmental protection regulations to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, this high level of commitment to the State of West Virginia is one deserving of great honor and respect. Through this Extension of Remarks, I would like to thank

Karen for her service and for the tremendous, positive impact she has made on West Virginia and its economy. Karen exemplifies the qualities of Mountaineer integrity that we cherish at home, and I am honored to call her my friend. I wish her the best moving forward toward her much deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL—THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF CONGRESS

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of a great friend to me and an outstanding mentor to many—JOHN DAVID DINGELL.

In 1955, JOHN DINGELL assumed office after winning a special election after the passing of his father. During the years of his service he established a legacy as a courageous and principled leader. This was best exemplified by a vote early in his career to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964. There were many who thought this vote would end his career. But JOHN DINGELL, despite the fact that the measure was then controversial and contentious, exemplified true leadership by voting to ensure equality for African-Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is this integrity and strong commitment to fair leadership that has led to a career full of accomplishment for the Dean of the House, and it is why his constituents have made him the longest-serving member in the history of the United States House of Representatives.

Congressman DINGELL has worked passionately to protect our environment. Throughout his career, he has passed landmark legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, and he did so by building broad bipartisan consensus.

As Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Congressman JOHN DINGELL dramatically changed the way we view our environment by fighting for legislation preventing animal extinction, limiting air and water pollution and increasing wildlife conservation. In Michigan, I can confidently say we have all seen the benefits of Representative DINGELL's work. He has been a consistent champion for our automotive industry—protecting thousands of jobs and ensuring that one of America's premier industries continues to grow. Our State cannot thank him enough for his tireless efforts.

Every day he has served in Congress JOHN DINGELL has fought hard to strengthen our health care system and make it accessible for everyone. From his very first day in Congress, JOHN DINGELL has fought to pass the National Health Insurance Act that was championed by his father. In 1965, JOHN DINGELL presided over the House as it passed legislation expanding health care to millions of Americans and in 2010; he achieved his goal of affordable, accessible health care for all Americans with passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Speaker, forever known as Mr. Chairman, I am honored to stand here today and call JOHN DINGELL my colleague. I look forward

to more achievements from him in the years to come, and to our continued work creating a better future for our State of Michigan and our Nation.

**REP. MORAN GUANTANAMO
AMENDMENT TO HOMELAND SECURITY**

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole Hours on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Chair, yesterday I inadvertently voted NO on the Moran amendment (roll call 200) to H.R. 2217. I support the Moran amendment that would strike section (2) and insert "was transferred to the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by the Department of Defense, after December 31, 2005." I am a strong supporter of President Obama's commitment to close the prison camp at Guantánamo and halt all pending military commission trials. The infamous Guantanamo prison facility has made a mockery of America's commitment to the rule of law, due process, and the rejection of torture as an acceptable interrogation technique. I will continue to work with my colleagues to repeal unnecessary restrictions on detainees and remove congressionally mandated bans which have made the facility harder to close. Closing Guantanamo would send an important message around the world that the days of detaining persons indefinitely without charge or due process are over. I look forward to the day when we can finally shut the doors on this prison. I support the Moran amendment (roll call 200) and stand ready to support efforts to close Guantanamo.

**TRIBUTE TO PUEBLO VETERANS
RITUAL TEAM**

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team of Pueblo, Colorado. Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team, founded in 1984, is a Veteran Service Organization dedicated to providing military honors to veterans.

As one of the oldest Veterans Ritual Teams in the country, the Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team assists over two hundred of our nation's service families every year. The group is comprised of former service men and women who continue to serve the community by providing military funeral services for many of the area's fallen heroes. Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team supports disabled veterans, widows, and orphans of deceased veterans by comforting the families after the loss, entertaining service members while in the hospital, and providing any other assistance needed. Through their

continual service in the community they have an immense impact as public ambassadors for veterans and the Armed Forces.

The community of Pueblo, as the Home of Heroes, is in debt to the Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team for their service in supporting the veteran community. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team for their devotion to honoring America's heroes as well as their service to our nation.

**RECOGNIZING REVEREND EDWARD
ARTHUR STERLING'S COMMIT-
MENT AND SERVICE TO THE
GREATER TACOMA AREA OF
WASHINGTON STATE**

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Reverend Edward Arthur Sterling for his faithful and tireless service as a member of the United States Army and to his community. His work has touched many lives throughout the South Puget Sound Region of Washington State.

Fr. Sterling joined the United States Army after he graduated from college in 1942. After 12 years of continuous active duty service, he began his studies at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. Upon completion, Fr. Sterling was ordained June 16, 1958 and served a local Texas Congregation for a number of years.

Fr. Sterling returned to the Army and continued his service to God and fellow soldiers. He dedicated an additional 16 years of service to the Army as a chaplain—serving throughout the world, including Germany, Vietnam and Korea. Fr. Sterling provided comfort, spiritual guidance and solace to soldiers in the most trying conditions. After a 28 years of active duty military service, Lieutenant Colonel Sterling retired.

Mr. Speaker, Fr. Sterling continued his life of service by dedicating himself to civilian pursuits and civic contributions in Tacoma, Washington.

Since his retirement, Fr. Sterling has served in several congregations throughout South Puget Sound. Since 1986, he has been an Associate Priest at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tacoma; where he is a spiritual counselor, teacher, and friend to many.

In 2008, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Surrounded by family, friends, and community members, letters of appreciation from several local and national elected officials were read aloud. The grand occasion included a service led by two Bishops from the Dioceses of Olympia.

As I close, I can say with absolute confidence that our community is a better place thank to the selfless service of people like Reverend Edward Arthur Sterling. He has dedicated his life to serve God and country. I am pleased to recognize that extraordinary service today in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, during roll-call No. 195 on the Polis Amendment to H.R. 2217—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014, the vote was incorrectly recorded as "yes." I intended to vote "no."

**OZARK BEACH DAM 100 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY**

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Connell Insurance, the 2013 recipient of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce's W. Curtis Strube Small Business Award.

Connell Insurance is a full service, independent insurance agency that was founded by Pat Connell in 1971. The launch of Connell Insurance came after Pat saw his father, Bob, lose his successful houseboat manufacturing business to a fire in the late sixties. This disaster took an even worse turn with the insurance difficulties that occurred after the fire. With this tragedy in mind and being an entrepreneur by nature, as well as family tradition, Pat launched Connell Insurance Inc. to serve his community.

Throughout the years, Connell Insurance garnered a reputation for excellence in serving the rapid growth of the hospitality industry in Branson. The growth of Branson was equally matched by the agency itself. It was this growth that spurred Pat's brother, Tim, to join the agency in 1987. In 1995, Connell Insurance became even more of a family affair when Pat's son, Chad, joined the family business.

Connell Insurance is recognized within Southwest Missouri for its focus on community, its unique service offerings, and its philosophy of being a trusted partner and advisor to its clients. The agency's forward-thinking enabled it to be among one of the first agencies to go "paperless," completing the transition nearly a decade ago. In fact, the agency is currently the only Ozarks Greenscore certified insurance agency in Southwest Missouri.

Connell Insurance is the 2013 recipient of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce W. Curtis Strube Small Business Award. The W. Curtis Strube Small Business Award celebrates the importance of small business in the Springfield community and highlights the unique entrepreneurial spirit that flourishes here.

I am honored to recognize Connell Insurance and their 31 employees, and want to take this opportunity to acknowledge their hard work, innovation, business philosophy, and contributions to our community.

On a personal note I would like to mention that not only is Pat a great businessman, he and his wife Patty were even better next door neighbors to my Mom and Dad for several years.

COMMEMORATING THE GRAND
OPENING OF THE MILAN '54 HOO-
SIERS MUSEUM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the grand opening of the new Milan '54 Hoosiers Museum in Milan, Indiana. On a cold March night in 1954, the Milan High School boy's basketball team captured the state boy's basketball title, defeating an opponent from a school roughly ten times its size. In doing so, this tiny school secured its place in Hoosier sports history. The movie Hoosiers shared their story with the world thirty-four years later and captured the imagination of a nation.

The museum in Milan will be an asset for the community and honor the memories of its coaches and players. The Milan Indians proved that heart matters more than size and that hard work, determination, and perseverance can overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. They achieved greatness that should serve as an example for us all. I am proud to represent Milan in Congress and share the inspirational story that brings pride to all Hoosiers.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL"
HAMILTON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a loyal South Carolina State University bulldog, who dedicated his entire career to his alma mater. Mr. William "Bill" Hamilton is retiring after forty years of service as the SC State Sports Information Director, and his presence and leadership will be sorely missed.

Bill Hamilton was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but grew up in Chesterfield, South Carolina. There he attended public schools and graduated from the former Gary High School.

As an African American growing up in the deep South just as integration was beginning to take hold, Bill chose to attend South Carolina's only publicly supported historically black college. He graduated from South Carolina State College (SCSU) in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature. He went on to earn a Master of Education degree from SC State in 1979, and did further study at New York University.

Just two months after his 1973 graduation, Bill joined SC State as its first full-time sports information director. He holds the distinction of being the only person to hold that position in the history of the college.

Bill has earned numerous professional and civic awards during a long and distinguished career. Most recently he received the 2013 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Lifetime Achievement Award. He has also been the recipient of CoSIDA's Bob Kenworthy Community Service Award (1998), the CoSIDA 25-Year Service Award (1998), the CoSIDA Trailblazer Award (2005) and the CoSIDA Arch Ward Award (2009).

Other awards include the All-American Football Foundation Scoop Hudgins Outstanding SID Award (2005), the BCSIDA Cal Jacox-Champ Clark Outstanding SID Award (1989), and the Herm Helms Media Excellence Award (2012).

Hamilton was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame in 2009. He is also enshrined in the MEAC Hall of Fame (2009), the SCSU Physical Education Hall of Fame (2011) and the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame (2002).

In addition, he was named Staff Employee of the Year at SC State in 1999 and also inducted into the Quarter Century Club. He was selected as a NAFEO (National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education) Distinguished Alumnus (2006), and appeared as a Stellar Alumnus on the SC State National Alumni Association's 2010 calendar. He is a Life Member of the Greater Orangeburg Alumni Chapter of SCSU.

A member of a number of professional and civic organizations, Hamilton is actively involved in the sports industry and his community. He is a longtime pollster for the Sheridan Broadcasting Network (SBN) and The Sports Network, and served on the NCAA Final Four Media Coordination Committee nine years (1999–2007). He is the former chairman of the Orangeburg Attention Homes, Inc., a former board member and local chapter president of the Alston Wilkes Society, and currently a board member of the SC State Employees Association and president of the Orangeburg Chapter of SCSEA.

In addition, he is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and was named the fraternity's "Kappa Man of the Year" in 2000.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bill Hamilton for his 40 years of distinguished service as South Carolina State University's Sports Information Director. His commitment to his alma mater and his profession are exemplary, and his contributions are incalculable. His retirement is well-deserved and I wish him all the best in this new phase of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE 109TH BIRTH-
DAY OF MR. ROOSEVELT LEE,
SR. OF KOSCIUSKO, MS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr. of Kosciusko, MS as a father, husband and agricultural entrepreneur in recognition of his 109th birthday. Born October 23, 1902 to Mr. Tom Lee and Mrs. Mary Young Lee, Roosevelt is the eldest and last surviving of nine siblings, all of which he helped his father care for. Mr. Lee is the father of eighteen (18) children, grandfather to sixty (60) grandchildren, and great-grandfather to more than fifty (50) great-grandchildren.

During a period when educational resources for African Americans were scarce, Mr. Lee managed to receive a third grade education which was offered out of a local church in Kosciusko, where he is a native. At a very young age Mr. Lee committed his time and talent to working to help support his family; he worked as a farmer, mechanic, and raiser of cattle and other livestock.

He is a devoted Christian and passionate steward of the Lord. He was a member of the Mount Ollie Missionary Baptist Church in Kosciusko, MS for 67 years where he actively served as Sunday school superintendent, treasurer, head deacon, treasurer, and trustee. Currently, he is a member of the Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Clarksdale and has been for the past eight years.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Sir Knight Masons of Clarksdale, MS. He has selflessly devoted his time to helping other local farmers maintain and repair their farming equipment and vehicles. Mr. Lee's work ethic and commitment to providing for his family has allowed his family to keep its farm for 81 years. He was a producer of cotton, corn, soybeans and a number of other crops.

In October of 2007, Mayor Henry Epsy of Clarksdale, Mississippi, declared October 27th as Roosevelt Lee, Sr. Day. At the seasoned age of 109, Mr. Lee does not suffer from commonly prominent illnesses such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, heart issues or diabetes. He enjoys boxing, wrestling, and he has a passion for the game of checkers. He has frequented many U.S. cities such as Chicago, St. Louis, California, Atlanta and a host of other U.S. cities and states.

Mr. Lee truly believes that his commitment to Christ has sustained him throughout his life. He believes that if you serve the Lord and do the right thing, regardless of what the next person does, God will bless you. He is a true example of the wondrous works of the Lord and what it means to be a provider for your family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating a true champion of life, Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr., for his tenacity and zealous work as a farmer, father and fine American.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was unable to cast the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 161, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 162, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 163, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 164, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 165, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 166, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 167, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 168, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 169, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 170, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 171, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 172, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 173, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 174, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 175, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 176, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 177, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 178, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote 179, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING JACK DIMMER'S
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
AND SERVICE TO THE PIERCE
COUNTY REGION OF WASH-
INGTON STATE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack Dimmer, a senior at Charles Wright Academy and recipient of the Honorable Fixed NGO award from Harvard National Model United Nations.

Founded in 1955, a decade after the United Nations was created; Harvard National Model United Nations is the largest, oldest, and most respected conference of its kind. Every year, it brings over 3,000 students and faculty together from around the world to simulate the United Nations. The program offers a unique opportunity to experience and work through the challenges of international negotiation and diplomacy.

Mr. Dimmer attended the Harvard National Model United Nations as a part of Charles Wright Academy's Model United Nations Club. The club requires students to comprehensively research, debate, and diplomatically negotiate a range of foreign policy issues. Mr. Dimmer received the Honorable Fixed NGO Award for his work representing a Seattle non-profit committed to addressing clean water issues around the world. Of the thousands of students in attendance, only one student is annually selected for the award.

Mr. Speaker, this is a significant honor for Mr. Dimmer. His dedication and acumen have garnered an invitation to represent the United States this summer in the All-American Model United Nations held in Beijing. There is no doubt that Mr. Dimmer will make our region proud with his proven dedication and skill.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Dimmer's commitment to service, and to his country, extends beyond his involvement with United Nations. The Honorable Norm Dicks nominated Mr. Dimmer to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and he will begin his studies this fall. I am sure that Mr. Dimmer will continue to excel, achieve, and serve his country with honor and distinction.

As I close, I can say with confidence that Mr. Dimmer exemplifies the aspects of our national character for which we should be most proud. His hard work, commitment to service, and diplomatic negotiation and mediation serve as an inspiration to us all. I am pleased to recognize Mr. Dimmer today in the United States Congress.

CONGRATULATING THE MORAVIA
HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS'
BASKETBALL TEAM ON REACH-
ING THE NYSPPHAA CLASS C
STATE SEMI-FINALS

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Moravia High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team for their tremendous

season in reaching the NYSPPHAA Class C State Semi-Final. While they fell just short in overtime to Lake George in that game, I would like to commend each player for their hard work and team spirit all season.

Congratulations to Cole Johnson, Chase Walker, Chandler Benson, Cody Flick, Dylan Powers, Tyler Raner, Greg Horner, Brett Denman, Jared Lyon, Sam Allen, John Earl, Stephen Nemec, Dylan Haskell, John Patten, and Griffen Amos.

In addition, I would like to extend my congratulations to the head coach, Todd Mulvaney, to the assistant coaches, Brian Jackson, Pat Mott, Cory Langtry, and Chad Raner, and to the team managers, Carter Flick and Josh Cespedes. Finally, I wish to extend a special thanks to the parents, teachers and classmates who provided support and guidance to all the players. The Blue Devils finished their season with an impressive record of 23–3. Their success was driven by incredible work ethic and devotion to team.

Again, congratulations to the Moravia High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team. Go Blue Devils!

IN HONOR OF PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS ROYDEN L. "ROY" DIAZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Private First Class Royden L. "Roy" Diaz, who passed away on May 24th, 2013. Roy was the Salinas area's last Bataan Death March survivor and one of two remaining survivors from the 194th Tank Battalion. Of the 105-strong C Company, 194th Tank Battalion, only 47 men made it home alive. He and the other members of his unit are heroes and their great deeds should never be forgotten.

Roy was born to Ben and Ida Diaz on October 23, 1916, in Monterey County, California. A graduate of Salinas High School, he spent a significant portion of his time working on his family's ranch in the Salinas Valley.

Interested in earning a little extra money, Roy enlisted in 1936 in the California National Guard's 40th Divisional Tank Company, headquartered in Salinas. On February 2, 1941, Roy's tank company was activated for federal service and re-designated C Company, 194th Tank Battalion. After preparation and mobilization training, his unit was sent to the Philippine Islands on September 8, 1941.

Two months later, the Japanese forces launched overwhelming attacks against the defenses of the Philippine Islands. After fierce fighting and bloody battles, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to the Japanese on April 9, 1942.

Roy and the other prisoners were forced to march for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. The Japanese guards chased off, bayoneted or shot any Filipino civilian who tried to give water or bits of food to the passing lines of prisoners. Those prisoners who fell-out were bayoneted, shot, or beaten to death. Thousands of soldiers died along the way. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners of war to Japan were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces. Those who survived faced brutal hard-

ships of the Japanese POW camps and, at one point, four hundred soldiers a day were dying.

By the time Japan surrendered and the U.S. Army liberated the Bataan Prisoners of War, two-thirds of the American prisoners had died in Japanese custody. Miraculously, Roy survived. He survived hardships that few have ever seen and even fewer can even imagine. After the Japanese surrendered and the prisoners were recovered, Roy returned to Salinas, California, for a short while working as a salesman for Glazer Brothers and then at Spreckels Sugar Company, but eventually went back to his family's livelihood—farming at his Corral de Tierra ranch where his parents raised him.

Roy loved life. He appreciated it more than most probably ever do. He loved hunting and fishing in the local area and in the Sierra Nevada area. He loved working in his garden and competed at the Monterey County Fair for his vegetable garden and sunflowers where he won many ribbons. He also loved dancing with his wife of 57 years, Lorraine and enjoyed their many trips to Reno, Nevada. He loved the California Rodeo where he met his wife at the Colmo Rodeo Parade.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives all join me in remembering one of the last Bataan Death March survivors, Roy Diaz, whose service to our country ensures that our American democracy and our freedoms remain as strong today as they were 70 years ago when Roy was a young Army soldier.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
MILLEDGEVILLE MISSILES SOFT-
BALL TEAM

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by the Milledgeville Missiles against the Toledo Cumberland Pirates in the 1A Illinois state softball championship game on June 1st, 2013.

The game was a back and forth battle between two worthy opponents, which ultimately ended in a 5–4 rain-shortened victory this past Saturday. The Missiles struck first with a three-run homerun in the bottom of the first inning, staking Milledgeville to a 3–0 lead. Toledo Cumberland battled back for a 4–3 advantage, but the Missiles were resilient and were able to retake the lead 5–4 for the final time.

I congratulate the Missiles for winning the Illinois 1A state championship. This hard fought victory by Milledgeville gives the school its first state title in school history. The school and the entire community should be extremely proud of the effort put forth by Milledgeville, which concluded the season with a record of 28–3.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Milledgeville softball team, both on and off the field, and I am honored to salute them today.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
PRINCIPAL WILLIE SANDOVAL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Principal Willie Sandoval, who is retiring after dedicating 45 years of his life to the Kern High School District in California.

In 1968, Willie began as a teacher and—how I remember him best—a coach at Bakersfield High School, my alma mater. In the mid-1980s during my time at BHS, Coach Sandoval taught me the importance of perseverance and a constant desire to learn, both on and off the field.

By 1997, Willie was eligible for retirement. Instead, his passion for educating our young people led him to take on new challenges and continue to serve Bakersfield students. He is the only principal in Kern High School District's history to open two new schools—Golden Valley High School and Independence High School. And as principal of Independence, he was constantly innovating new opportunities and educational experiences for his students. For example, Willie partnered with the California Department of Energy and PG&E to found the New Energy Academy, which infuses career technical education into our students' traditional academic endeavors at Independence. Coach Sandoval is a living example of the mantra "never give up."

Though his tenure in the education system comes to an end, his legacy will forever be found in the halls of our schools. President John F. Kennedy once said, "After the dust of centuries has passed over our cities, we will be remembered not for victories or defeats in battle or in politics, but for our contribution to the human spirit." Mr. Speaker, Principal Willie Sandoval's contribution to the human spirit through the education of our young Americans is truly admirable. Throughout his illustrious career, he has remained steadfast to his vision, passion, and advocacy for education.

I wish Willie well in retirement. And, as he enters this new chapter in his life, I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Nettie, their daughter Carrie, son William, and his four grandchildren. On behalf of thousands of parents and students, I salute and honor a truly exceptional teacher, coach, principal, and leader in our community, Willie Sandoval, who leaves a legacy of hope, education, and inspiration through Kern County and the State of California.

HONORING DOROTHY ROGERS
PORTER

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mrs. Dorothy Rogers Porter, a beloved musical icon and mentor from the Great state of Alabama who passed away on June 1, 2013 at the age of 77. This phenomenal woman was an extraordinary source

of wisdom and guidance to me and so many others. While I am deeply saddened by her passing I am confident her legacy will live through the countless lives she touched during her lifetime.

For 38 years, this American jewel was first lady of the historic Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Alongside her husband, civil rights icon Rev. John T. Porter, Mrs. Porter became a fixture in the local community. But many will remember her for her extraordinary musicianship and her dynamic voice. As head of the children's choir, Mrs. Porter inspired a sincere love for music in the young lives that were under her direction.

The classically trained mezzo-soprano also taught music at Lawson State Community College and performed for audiences across the country. She graduated from Alabama State University with a bachelor's degree in music and went on to obtain a masters degree in music education from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Mrs. Porter was a committed servant leader active in so many community and civic endeavors. She lead Sixth Avenue's scholarship committee and was instrumental in preparing graduating seniors for the next phase in their lives. Mrs. Porter was a member of The Links Incorporated and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She also served on the Birmingham Library Board.

On a personal note, Mrs. Porter was a mentor of mine and countless others. I will miss her loving smile, wise counsel and warm embrace. I was proud to call her a sorority sister, fellow Link and most importantly, my mentor. We will all miss her dearly.

We are indeed grateful for the life of this awesome woman. On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama, and this nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Mrs. Dorothy Rogers Porter.

HONORING DR. SHIRLEY RAINES

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Shirley Raines on all of her achievements. A longtime resident of West Tennessee and originally from my home county of Crockett, I am especially proud to celebrate with her today.

A driving force bringing notoriety to Memphis for not only her work in education, but also her achievements in research, work-force and economic development. She is to be commended for her vision of bringing an urban institute that reaches all parts of West Tennessee that provides an educational opportunity for all.

Dr. Raines has served as the President of the University of Memphis for the past 11 years. Originally from Bells, TN, Dr. Raines holds a doctorate in education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a Master of Science from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Before joining the University of Memphis, Dr. Raines was the Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and the Dean of the College of Education at the University of

Kentucky. Dr. Raines is also an accomplished author, with fourteen books and several articles published.

Dr. Raines's accomplishments as the President of the University of Memphis are numerous and far-reaching. She has increased total enrollment to 22,000 and extended the campus by acquiring the Lambuth campus in Jackson, TN. Dr. Raines has also been crucial in the relocation of the Cecil C. Humphreys Law School and the construction of the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management, the FedEx Institute of Technology and several other campus developments. Dr. Raines has spearheaded the Empowering the Dream capital campaign, which aims to raise \$250 million by June 30th.

Dr. Shirley Raines's contributions to education and West Tennessee are undeniable and inspiring. I congratulate Dr. Raines on her many accomplishments and wish her well.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 3, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Chair, I want to commend the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the members of the Committee for producing bills that meet the current law limit on appropriations of \$967 billion. The one area of the budget where we are exercising real fiscal discipline is discretionary spending and Chairman ROGERS and the Committee are to be commended for bringing about that result. The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2014 (H.R. 2217) funds critical programs that promote the safety and security of the United States. In total, the bill provides \$44.6 billion of discretionary funding for the operations of the Department of Homeland Security. While the majority of this funding is provided in accordance with the budget resolution adopted by the House of Representatives, \$5.6 billion is provided in excess of the levels anticipated by the budget resolution using the disaster relief exception to the normal budget rules. We should be budgeting for these expenses and not adding funding through cap adjustments that provide funding in excess of the limits on discretionary spending. Congress should afford disaster relief the priority it deserves within the budget. Notwithstanding my objections to the use of this budget loophole, on balance, I believe this bill is worthy of support.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes 188

and 189. If present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 188 and 189.

HONORING PISTA SA NAYON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 27th Annual Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon Festival.

On Saturday, June 1, 2013, the Pista Sa Nayon festival marks their 27th anniversary of the founding of the Philippine Cultural Committee of the Filipino Community of Solano County. This celebration is also the 115th anniversary of the Philippine independence from Spain.

Pista Sa Nayon is a yearly landmark festivity for the City of Vallejo, California and showcases the culture of Filipinos through a parade of colorful costumes, the sharing of traditional cuisine, and the appreciation of the cultural arts and music. Pista Sa Nayon has grown to be one of the largest free festivals in the State of California and will be celebrated by over 40,000 people.

Mr. Speaker, on this occasion it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the Pista Sa Nayon Festival in Vallejo, California on the 27th anniversary of their momentous event. I join our colleagues in celebrating the Filipino Community of Solano County's rich history and wishing them a successful 27th year with many more to come.

HONORING THE BRICK STORE MUSEUM IN KENNEBUNK, MAINE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I make this submission to correct a previous record statement printed on June 4, 2013, which erroneously named the location of the Brick Store Museum as Kennebunkport, Maine.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Brick Store Museum, located in historic Kennebunk, Maine, for achieving accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums.

Since 1936, the Brick Store Museum has offered generations of locals and visitors the opportunity to explore the rich history of one of Maine's most iconic communities.

The Brick Store Museum's focal point is a building constructed in 1825 as a dry goods store by William Lord. The exterior remains much the same as when it was built, giving today's visitors a glimpse of what life was like nearly 200 years ago.

I am proud of the museum's commitment to preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting Kennebunk's important role in our history. Many students have passed through its rooms, gaining knowledge, understanding, and a stronger attachment to the area where they have grown up.

I share the Brick Store Museum's belief that the history of our oldest towns is crucial to un-

derstanding where we are now and where we are headed. As Maine continues to advance into the future, the Brick Store Museum offers an important tether to our past.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 4, 2013, I was attending to family medical issues and unfortunately had to miss votes.

Had I been present in Washington, DC on Monday, June 4, 2013, my votes would have been as follows:

For rollcall No. 184, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1206, the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013, which allows for the purchase of duck stamps electronically, I would have voted "yes."

For rollcall No. 185, on suspending the rules and passing S. 622, the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013, which reauthorizes two programs that collect and spend fees by the FDA to expedite the review and approval of drugs for use in animals, I would have voted "yes."

It is an honor to serve the people of the 13th Congressional District of Illinois.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE DR. FLOYD RANDALL STAUFFER

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Dr. Floyd Randall Stauffer. I am submitting his prepared biography for the record, detailing his extensive accomplishments and contributions to our community:

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Maurice and Dorothy Stauffer, Dr. Stauffer graduated from Hyde Park High School in Chicago. He earned a B.S. Degree from the University of Chicago where he won the Big Ten medal for combined excellence in athletics and scholarship. He was first string guard on the Big Ten water polo championship squad, Phi Beta Kappa and received his B.S. degree in physiology in 1937 before earning his Master's of Science from Ohio State University in 1940. From 1940-1943, he attended medical school at Ohio State, receiving his MD in 1943. The day after he graduated from medical school, he married Mary Ruth Schuh who he described as "a brilliant doctor and first in her class."

Dr. Stauffer was commissioned in 1943 as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps for the United States Navy and interned at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bremerton, Washington. He served as a "Beach Party Doctor" (triage) in the Pacific theater on the USS Audubon. In 1947, he was dedicated Navy Flight surgeon, School of Aviation Medicine in Pensacola, Florida. Here he directed the human centrifuge program and instructed Navy pilots in acceleration forces and radial G-forces. He also conducted research on the G-suit, as well as experiments on human tolerance and "supine G-forces."

In 1948, he received his PhD from the University of Southern California's School of Medicine, Department of Physiology. The Stauffer family moved to Downey, California in 1954 where both he and his wife, Mary, continued to practice medicine. He also served as the Warren High School team doctor for twelve years and sponsored some of the athletic awards.

"Dal," as he was called by friends and family, began his swimming career in Lake Michigan and his diving career at church summer camp at the age of ten. YMCA and high school diving followed where he became Chicago's junior and senior diving champion. He performed exhibition diving at the 1934 World's Fair. He continued competing throughout college in club and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) regional competitions, winning many championships and was the All Navy Diving Champion in 1947. He went to the 1948 Olympic Trials, but finished seventh so he just missed making the team.

In 1962, he started swimming and diving with the Senior Olympics. In 1974, Dal went to Texas for the first Master's diving meet. Throughout his Master's career, Dr. Stauffer competed in 20 FINA Master's World Championships and 49 USA Master's National Diving Championships throughout the eight age groups beginning with 50-55. Active in the Master's program, Dal traveled throughout the country and around the world. He hosted Ukrainian and Lithuanian masters in his home, as well as diving officials from Denmark. In 2006, Dal was inducted into the International Master's Swimming Hall of Fame and in 2007, he was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame for the University of Chicago for swimming, diving and water polo. At 89, Dr. Stauffer decided to "dive for history," being the first to set a Master's diving record for a 90-year-old man.

In 1978, he discovered scuba diving and traveled to the best diving spots to pursue his newfound hobby. The highlight of this activity was a trip to New Guinea with one of his sons and a group headed by Jean Michele Cousteau, son of the famous undersea explorer, Jacques Cousteau.

In 1984, when Los Angeles hosted the summer Olympic games, Dal carried the torch for one kilometer at Salem, Oregon on July 8, 1984. He paid the \$3,000 for the privilege, most of which was donated to the Downey YMCA at his request, via the Torch Relay Foundation.

A lover of nature and animals, he took his family to visit many of the National Parks and to Africa. He also enjoyed spectator sports in addition to chess, bridge, the Japanese game of Go, reading, music and the theater. Annually, he created an original "transogram puzzle" for the family to complete on Christmas Eve. He maintained his digital dexterity for surgery by weaving baskets and crocheting placemats and tablecloths for family members. He was truly a "Renaissance Man" in every sense of the word.

I extend my most heartfelt condolences to Dr. Floyd Stauffer's wife, Dr. Mary Stauffer and her family—sons, Jim and John; and daughters, Dorothy Knight, Judi Saunders, and Janet Suzuki; grandchildren, Dawn Martens, Diane Saunders, Katherine Reich, Mary Owens, Alison Riley, Jessica Stauffer and Jordan Stauffer; and great-grandson, Phoenix Reich.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Dr. Stauffer's lifetime of achievements and long record of service to our country and our community. His significant contributions enriched the lives of many people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 204. If present, I would have voted “no” on rollcall vote 204.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 188 I mistakenly voted “aye” when I meant to vote “nay”.

HOUSE BILL TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 450 LEXINGTON AVENUE IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AS THE “VINCENT R. SOMBROTTO POST OFFICE” INTRODUCTION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office,” to honor this historic letter carrier leader and all the work he did as the president of National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

Mr. Sombrotto was one of the most significant labor leaders of his generation. As president of NALC from 1978 to 2002, Mr. Sombrotto worked to increase letter carrier wages, moving them from poverty level to middle class. To this day letter carriers benefit from Mr. Sombrotto’s commitment to the wage increases.

In 1992, he began the NALC food drive which has developed into the country’s biggest one-day food drive. Held on the second Saturday every May, it has to date, provided more than 1.2 billion pounds of food for banks in communities throughout the United States, with letter carriers collecting non-perishable food individuals and families leave in their mailboxes.

As a firm believer in civic responsibility, Mr. Sombrotto and the NALC worked with the United States Postal Service and emergency services organizations to establish Carrier Alert. This nationwide program allows carriers to perform heroic and humanitarian deeds on their routes including saving lives, finding missing children, looking over the elderly, and stopping crimes.

Mr. Sombrotto deserves our respect for the work he has done to help the lives of letter carriers, and their families, across the country. That is why I would like to rename the United

States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office.”

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL MALL REVITALIZATION AND DESIGNATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, last week while Congress was out of session, we had the kickoff for the second season of “Lunchtime Music on the Mall,” which brings local and regional musicians to the National Mall to perform during the lunchtime hour, giving visitors and particularly our federal and other office workers downtown a break from the pace of business in Washington and an opportunity to enjoy their National Mall. The performances, featuring amateur city and regional residents, are sponsored by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and the National Park Service (NPS), in conjunction with my office. To preserve and enhance the National Mall, a priceless space, I am reintroducing the National Mall Revitalization and Designation Act. Until the Trust for the National Mall was established in 2007, the National Mall was Washington’s most neglected and underutilized federal property, despite being well-known and treasured. The Trust for the National Mall is already making a noteworthy and important difference, and its plan will give the Mall the majesty it deserves. In the meantime, there is much that can be done, from defining the Mall’s official identity for the first time to adding low-cost basic amenities. My bill authorizes the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to expand the boundaries of the Mall where commemorative works may be located, requires NCPC to study the commemorative works process, and requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit a plan within 180 days of passage to Congress to enhance visitor enjoyment, amenities and cultural experiences on the Mall.

I worked closely with NCPC and other agencies in drafting the bill. The bill would give NCPC the responsibility and necessary flexibility to designate Mall areas for commemorative works and, for the first time, to expand the official Mall area when appropriate to accommodate future commemorative works and cultural institutions.

In addition, tourists and workers downtown should be able to walk to the Mall and hear music and other entertainment, from string quartets to solo singers during lunch at attractive tables where good—not fast—food is available. Residents of the city and region should be able to find space for fun and games on the Mall, beyond the space between Third Street and the Lincoln Memorial.

Bordered by world-class cultural institutions, the Mall need not continue to be reduced to a mere lawn with a few—too few—old, ordinary benches and a couple of fast food stands until the expansive work the Trust for the National Mall is completed. The plan by the Secretary of the Interior required by the bill would ensure chairs and tables for people who bring lunch to the Mall and the presence of cultural amen-

ities. The NPS has my thanks for implementing and indeed sponsoring the part of the bill that calls for cultural amenities with Lunchtime Music on the Mall, which began last week.

Lunchtime Music on the Mall is a good start to bringing the Mall alive during the workday. With the necessary imagination, making the Mall an inviting place with cultural and other amenities is achievable now.

The NCPC is well on its way to meeting the bill’s requirement for an expansive, 21st-century definition of the Mall, particularly now that the Trust for the National Mall is doing such important work. Frustrated by continually fighting off proposals for new monuments, museums, and memorials on the already-crowded Mall space, I asked the NCPC to devise a Mall presentation plan. In 2003, Congress amended the Commemorative Works Act to create a reserve area—a no-build zone where new memorials may not be built. This action was helpful in quelling some but by no means all of the demand from groups for placement of commemorative works on what they view as the Mall.

However, recognizing the need for more commemorative work sites, NCPC and the Commission on Fine Arts (CFA) released a National Capital Framework Plan in 2009, which identifies sites near the Mall that are suitable for new commemorative works, including East Potomac Park, the Kennedy Center Plaza, and the new South Capitol gateway. Five new prestigious memorials are scheduled for such sites, including the Eisenhower Memorial and the U.S. Air Force Memorial. I appreciate that NCPC and the CFA work closely with the District of Columbia in designating off-Mall sites for new commemorative works. The District welcomes the expanded Mall into our local neighborhoods to increase the number of tourists who visit them, enhancing the work of the District of Columbia government and local organizations such as Cultural Tourism that offer tours of historic District neighborhoods. The off-Mall sites for commemorative works also complement development of entirely new neighborhoods near the Mall, particularly with the passage of my bills that are redeveloping both the Southwest and Southeast Waterfront.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HIS EXCELLENCY ILHOM NEMATOV, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of my friend, His Excellency Ilhom Nematov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United States.

Since 2010, His Excellency Nematov has served his country as Uzbekistan’s Ambassador to the United States. Prior to his assignment to the United States, His Excellency Nematov served as Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the Russian Federation. From 1997–

1999, he served as Uzbekistan's Ambassador to India.

Other posts held by His Excellency Nematov include Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Coordinator at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Senior Consultant to the Office of the President.

During his tenure in Washington, D.C., it has been my privilege to work closely with Ambassador Nematov in advancing U.S.-Uzbekistan relations. Uzbekistan is a key partner in supporting international efforts in Afghanistan but our relationship with Uzbekistan extends beyond security. Uzbekistan and the United States also cooperate on economic relations and civil and political issues.

We recognize Uzbekistan's sovereignty, and I am proud of the progress Uzbekistan had made on its march to democracy since gaining independence in 1992. I commend His Excellency Islam Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, for his leadership, and I thank Ambassador Nematov for strengthening relations between our two countries by serving with remarkable distinction.

His Excellency Nematov graduated from Fergana Polytechnic Institute in 1973 and holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics. He is married with four children, and speaks English and German.

I extend to Ambassador Nematov my highest regards and wish him the very best as he returns home to serve his country for and on behalf of President Karimov and the people of Uzbekistan.

CONGRATULATING BLUE DIAMOND GROWERS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Blue Diamond Growers on the opening of its Turlock Plant. This dedicated business is assisting in bringing economic vitality back to the region.

Blue Diamond Growers is a pioneer in almond processing and manufacturing. The company produces snack almonds in various flavors, nut-based crackers, almond milk, and packaged almonds for cooking and baking. Since its founding in 1910, Blue Diamond has grown to become the world's largest almond processing company. It currently consists of more than 3,000 California almond growers that produce more than 80 percent of the world's almond supply.

Blue Diamond Growers has led the development of California's almond industry from a minor domestic specialty crop to the world leader in almond production and marketing. The almond is currently California's largest food export and America's number one specialty crop. In 2013, the almond crop is expected to exceed two billion pounds valued at six billion dollars. To continue to meet the demand for this California crop, Blue Diamond Growers has expanded its production facilities beyond its Sacramento and Salida plants.

As of June 18, 2013, it will open the first phase of a three-phased project to develop a high quality, food-safe processing facility in

Turlock, California. This new facility will bring much-needed jobs and economic growth to the region. Phase one, alone, is expected to create over 300 new jobs in the area. Blue Diamond Growers has continuously shown its commitment to maintain the highest standards of responsible growing and production in the California region.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising Blue Diamond Growers for their diligent work in the almond industry and applauding them in the opening of their Turlock plant.

COMMEMORATING THE 41ST ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, later this month, on June 23, 2013, we will mark the 41st anniversary of the enactment of Title IX amendment. This landmark legislation changed America for the better by mandating equality for women in educational programs and activities. As we continue to move forward in terms of women's equality, I believe that it is important to recognize how far we have already come.

Title IX has resulted in significant advances for women in athletics. Since its enactment, Title IX has promoted equal opportunity for women in athletics and contributed to the athletic and educational achievement of hundreds of thousands of young American women. In 1972, before there was a Title IX, less than 300,000 high school girls participated in intramural sports nationwide. Today, that number has grown ten-fold to more than three million. In similar fashion, the amount of young women participating in college sports has increased by more than 600 percent, from fewer than 30,000 in 1972 to more than 190,000 in 2012.

While recognizing the advances in sports that Title IX has provided, it is important also to acknowledge the progress made outside of athletics. Title IX itself makes no explicit mention of sports or athletics; its reach extends to all areas of education. Title IX has helped make it possible for women to pursue careers in all fields, including the increasingly important fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Title IX has also helped to ensure that as women and girls take advantage of these educational opportunities, they are able to do so in an environment free of gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and violence.

In my state of Texas, for example, young women are making their mark in academics, in athletics, and in standing up for what is right. Just last year, a young high school female in Texas was assaulted at school by a classmate. The school's response to the incident was to send the young woman, and her attacker, to an alternative school for 45 days—where she had to suffer the indignity of seeing him daily. The young woman, assisted by the ACLU of Texas, filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Title IX granted this young woman the right to an educational experience free from gender discrimination or retaliation. As a result, the

OCR determined that the school had violated her rights when they failed to adequately address her complaint. This decision resulted in clearing the young woman's disciplinary record and required the school district to reevaluate the way it handles sexual assault. A new set of Title IX procedures was developed and staff members were trained to respond accordingly to future incidents.

Through Title IX's legacy, educational environments have changed substantially. Women of all ages have had the opportunity to take advantage of the rights allotted to them through the amendment, and we can only move forward from here in terms of gender equality. Title IX guarantees the civil right to learn free from discrimination, retaliation, and sexual violence. This victory is something that every student, parent, and educator can celebrate today, tomorrow, and for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL AS THE LONGEST-SERVING MEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, for this West Virginian, the next stroke of midnight will be a bittersweet minute. The torch of longest Congressional service will be passed between two giants of the Congress, Robert C. Byrd and JOHN DINGELL. It will be a bittersweet moment for me because the breaking of even one of the many legislative records Senator Byrd set by serving West Virginians pulls at our State's heartstrings.

And I hesitate in even mentioning that, come tomorrow morning, Senator Byrd's record of the longest Senate tenure in history will still be intact, not because I fear my dearest friend would switch legislative bodies and pursue with gusto that momentous record. No, Mr. Speaker, I am hesitant because this body cannot afford to lose JOHN DINGELL to such an effort.

On the sweeter side of the moment, Mr. Speaker, I believe the history of our future will reveal there are few other than JOHN DINGELL, who could so ably and humbly bear such a significant mantle as the longest serving member in Congressional history.

Since I come from a State that understands tenure is no vice; let me clear up any misunderstandings about this milestone.

The real record we are celebrating today, the real measure of the man, is not about any length of service. Today is a celebration of JOHN DINGELL's depth of service. Here in the People's House, in the glare of the most strict term limits I have ever heard anyone propose, Members either deliver for their people every two years or the people deliver Members back to their homes.

That JOHN DINGELL will have served longer than any other Member is a true testament to his service to the people of Michigan, a badge of respect he has earned in this House, and a lesson for all who will listen today.

Looking at the two of us, the gentleman from Michigan and me, at first blush the casual observer might think Big JOHN and I cannot see eye to eye on much at all. JOHN DINGELL always looks deeper, into the smallest of details. The fact is the two of us have enjoyed over three and a half decades of working together on a number of fronts.

As the youngest member of the 95th Congress, I was outranked by JOHN DINGELL in more ways than one when I came to Congress. But not once in all our years of serving in this body, has he shown me any less courtesy, less attention, or less respect than he would to those with far more seniority than I.

Call it statesmanship, shrewd politics, or simply sheer human decency; it is darn effective, when someone of JOHN DINGELL's stature listens to you.

Members of Congress cannot serve, produce, and deliver for their Districts and States without listening. That includes back home as well as here in the halls and cubby holes of the Congress. Listening is the first chapter in the book of Congressional comity.

In an institution designed to reach consensus through the art of compromise, the entire Congress can take a page from Representative JOHN DINGELL's playbook. The Congress and the entire country would most certainly be well-served.

Godspeed to JOHN DINGELL and his dear wife, Debbie.

IN MEMORY OF RUSSELL JOSEPH MARTINEAU

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a friend and a man beloved by his family, friends and community.

Russell "Russ" Martineau would be described by anyone as a humble and a genuinely decent man who took no acclaim for himself but who worked tirelessly in support of others. Russ dedicated his career as a licensed clinical social worker to serving aging veterans at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas. During his career, he earned many accolades including recognition for Outstanding Social Work Team from the William Hearst Foundation for his work with colleagues in forming the AGIF Consortium promoting and developing Gerontology studies for graduate students. His dedication to our veterans followed his own service to our nation. Russ enlisted in the United States Air Force serving during the Vietnam War with the Pacific Air Forces.

Those that knew Russ would tell you that his most cherished role was that of family man. He met Julie, his wife of 33 years, and someone I am glad to count as a dear friend, while a student at California State University Long Beach. Julie has done so much in her own right for our region through her leadership of the Friendship Center and the Montgomery County United Way. Yet, none of her efforts would have been possible without Russ as her strongest supporter and confidant. Russ

proudly played his part as the father of two wonderful daughters and two delightful grandchildren. To see his warm smile or the gleam in his eye when surrounded by those he loved was proof enough of the great pride he had for his family.

I will forever remember the quiet courageousness with which Russ valiantly faced his battle with Multiple Myeloma for the last six years. Russ Martineau was a devout man who gained peace from the grace of his Lord and fortitude from those he dearly loved. Today, the friends and loved ones who stood in faith and encouragement will celebrate his life at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in The Woodlands, Texas.

To Julie, his daughters Adria and Brittany, grandchildren Brice and Delaney, his stepmother Elizabeth Hypes Martineau, sister Barbara Moore and his brothers Don, Bill and Jeff Martineau, I offer the words of Thomas Campbell, "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

REMEMBERING THE USS
"SCORPION"

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, The USS *Scorpion* went down May 22, 1968, killing 99 men and was consequently buried 11,220 feet underwater in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. There are more questions than answers for those familiar with the *Scorpion* but today let the record show, we will never forget.

The crisis exploded without warning across the sprawling U.S. Navy community in Norfolk, Virginia. A nuclear submarine and its crew had vanished in the Atlantic. The *Scorpion* and its 99-man crew had left Norfolk on February 15 for a three-month Mediterranean deployment. The crew participated in several naval exercises with the U.S. Sixth Fleet and NATO, and conducted ongoing reconnaissance of Soviet naval units, with stops in Italy and Sicily before reentering the Atlantic for the homeward voyage on May 17. *Scorpion's* skipper, Commander Francis A. Slaterry, had radioed Atlantic Submarine Force headquarters early on May 22 that the sub would arrive in Norfolk at 1 p.m. the following Monday, Memorial Day. The 1 p.m. arrival time came and went with no sign of *Scorpion*.

Later a Navy admiral involved in the *Scorpion* incident would describe it as "one of the greatest unsolved sea mysteries of our era." The 251-foot-long submarine and its crew had inexplicably disappeared somewhere in the trackless Atlantic Ocean.

On June 5, 1968 the *Scorpion* was declared "presumed lost." Yesterday, we marked the 45th Anniversary of the sub being presumed lost; and we honor the sacrifice of the USS *Scorpion* and its entire crew. The reason for this tragedy remains a mystery, but the honor and valor of the 99 men lost that day is no mystery. Our Nation owes them an unfaltering debt of gratitude for their service and commitment to freedom.

Not only are we forever indebted to the crew of the USS *Scorpion*, but we are forever

indebted to their families who have lived these 45 years with uncertainty and without closure.

I applaud the mission, the memory, and the memorial of the USS *Scorpion* and its crew of 99.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013
SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES
FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2013 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted academy appointments: Liam Thomas Catoe, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Lucas Adrian Fumagalli, New Braunfels High School, United States Air Force Academy; Nathaniel Robert Guney, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Dillon Mitchell Launius, Vandegrift High School, United States Air Force Academy; Adam S. Lee, East Central High School, United States Air Force Academy; Kevin Michael McGinty, MacArthur High School, United States Naval Academy; Joshua Andrew McMillen, International School of the Americas, United States Air Force Academy; John Edward Monday, Jr., Boerne—Samuel V. Champion High School, United States Military Academy; Clara Elizabeth Navarro, Rice University, United States Naval Academy; James Lyn Pazdral, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Albert Dixon Patillo III, Heritage School, United States Military Academy; Rafael David Ramos-Michael, Brackenridge High School, United States Military Academy; and Kirsten S. Redmon, United States Military Preparatory School/Sam Houston High School, United States Military Academy.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding students. I know they will serve our country well and I trust success will follow them in all their endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,767,256,596.67. We've added \$6,111,890,207,683.59 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.